WOW~ YOU'RE SO CUTE, TSUBASA-CHAN!

YOU LOOK GOOD IN A YUKATA! SURPRISINGLY.

I-I DON'T LOOK WEIRD? IT'S... MY FIRST TIME WEARING ONE...

I don't look like a granny, do I?

OF COURSE NOT! YOU LOOK LIKE A PROPER GIRL... SURPRISINGLY.

Hey, you guys

What's with that face?

Kyaaaa~ Yukata dance

IT FEELS LIKE IT WAS ONLY YESTERDAY WHEN YOU AND YUU LAID WASTE N STALLS WHILE WEARING JINBEIS

AHAHA...

We did that once, too.

Fufufu...

REALLY... YOU'VE GROWN SO BIG BEFORE I KNEW IT...

YOU'VE GROWN TO BE A FINE, YOUNG LADY.

I'M SO GLAD WE'RE NEIGHBORS AGAIN.

YOU'RE ABOUT THE ONLY ONE WHO WORRIES ABOUT AND LOOKS OUT FOR YUU.

THANK YOU.

He's the one worrying about us for the past few days.

AUNTIE...

...I WON'T.

SNAP

SNAP

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU MARRY INTO OUR FAMILY, ISN'T IT?

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MY MOM TOLD ME GIRLS ARE SHAPE-SHIFTERS. SO SHE WAS RIGHT.

Ba-Dum

HEY, YOU GUYS!

COME HERE AND LET'S TAKE A PHOTO.

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SNAP

AT THAT MOMENT, THE BASTARDS THOUGHT,

Aw, sorry, trying smells yucky.

Just a little bit more and it'll be done!

Hey, aren't you supposed to be on a break?

So Ayano is a prosper girl.

Well, her face has always been cute.

SNAP

Hey, boys? You're sticking too close to Ayano-san just because she's cute.

Huh? What are you saying? We've always gotten along with Ayano.

Right, Ayano?

Thank you!

Right.

Since the tests are over, let's play soccer again.

C...

CUTE!

Ka-lump?!

Shall we head over to the store to shop?

Wait, Ayano is crying?

Ah, I'm curious about your friends, so please send me some photos!

Ah, Ayano's feelings!

What's with the eye and grip strength?

I don't mind sending her photos, but why separately?

Sure! Still want?

Here properly convinced to it!

I'm for waiting a bit. You will, of course.

Every single one of you is losing her like an idiot!

Can you not make a move on her?

Huh?! What did you say?!

Ayano-san already has a boyfriend, Ichinose-kun!

Eh?!

No, like I said, we're... not dating.

Eh?! You're still not dating?!

"Still"...

But

You two were holding hands on the first day of our tests.

So we thought you two are finally dating.

Like, maybe stuff happened after the club. Sorry.

Huh? By the way, is Ichinose-kun not coming?

They saw us?!

Let go!

Eh! I took a shot! Super!

Right.

There's a reason for that...!

...Anyway I've said it many times

But we're not dating! We won't!

Really ...?

And I've been with him for a long time

So it's nothing ...! Like, it's just normal for me.

Both of us

Don't mind it at all.

Cool, cool, cool, cool

In the first place, we don't see it as other as someone of the other sex.

We're just really cool with it...

A-anyway! He's just a childhood friend...!

Enough of this talk. Anyway! Since we're here and all, let's just have some fun, okay?!

We still have time before the fireworks display starts, right?!

Hmm... But even if they're childhood friends.

Holding hands now that they're high school is a bit...

No, never!

You won't do that with anyone aside from the person you like, right?

MAYBE... SHE'S DENSE WHEN IT COMES TO STUFF LIKE THAT.

natural airhead

CLACK

WOOSH

BANG

Sort of...

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP

RIGHT HERE

WHAT THE HECK IS SHE DOING?!

WHY IS SHE HOLDING HANDS AND HUGGING AND KISSING WITH SOMEONE SHE'S JUST MET?!

SHE WAS ALREADY GOING A MILLION MILES AN HOUR...

THERE'S DEFINITELY NO WAY I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO TALK TO HER NOW...

...

UHH... I WAS WONDERING FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS...

I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE.

SHE'S LIKE THE SUN, SHINING BRIGHTLY AND WARMING EVERYONE AROUND HER.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING ANYMORE. I'M JUST SO CONFUSED.

OH, I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT.

HAVING FUN WITHOUT KNOWING HOW OTHER PEOPLE FEEL...

THAT'S WHY I WANT TO HELP HER OUT AS MUCH AS I CAN

BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT SHE WANTS.

I WANT ITSUKASA TO MAKE LOTS OF FRIENDS

EVEN THOUGH THAT'S WHAT I TOLD MYSELF

SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GOING SOMEPLACE

BEYOND MY REACH

GETTING FLUSTERED

CHASING HER

STOPPING HER

THOSE ARE ABOUT THE ONLY THINGS

ALWAYS BE MY FRIEND.

I CAN DO.

...YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU'RE NOT GOING.

WHAT ARE YOU GETTING LONELY FOR?

I'm so lonely

SIGH... I'LL GO HOME.

I GOT TO SEE HER WEAR A YUKATA, WHICH IS RARE, AND I'M SLEEPY.

I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT MY HABIT OF REACTING TO EVERY LITTLE THING...

Ah

Oh, I'm sorry

BUMP

THE THINGS I'VE RESOLVED TO DO FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART

ARE STARTING TO CRUMBLE BEFORE I KNEW IT

Dotsa

AS I THOUGHT, I STILL CAN'T...

GO HOME YET GDI...!

Pulling myself together is no longer possible.

To Be Continued